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## Firm Resume

Jonathan Tycko and Hassan Zavareei founded Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2002 when they left a large national firm to form a private public interest law firm. Since then, a wide range of clients have trusted the firm with their most difficult problems. Those clients include individuals fighting for their rights, tenants' associations battling to preserve decent and affordable housing, consumers seeking redress for unfair business practices, whistleblowers exposing fraud and corruption, and non-profit entities and businesses facing difficult litigation.

The firm's practice focuses on complex litigation, with a particular emphasis on consumer and other types of class actions, and *qui tam* and False Claims Act litigation. In its class action practice, the firm represent consumers who have been victims of corporate wrongdoing. The firm's attorneys bring a unique perspective to such litigation because many of them trained at major national defense firms where they obtained experience representing corporate defendants in such cases. This unique perspective enables the firm to anticipate and successfully counter the strategies commonly employed by corporate counsel defending class action litigation. Tycko & Zavareei LLP's attorneys have successfully obtained class certification, been appointed class counsel, and obtained approval of class action settlements with common funds totaling over \$500 million.

Tycko & Zavareei LLP's twenty-four attorneys graduated from some of the nation's finest law schools, including Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, Duke University School of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, Georgetown Law, the University of Michigan Law School, and the University of Miami School of Law. They have served in prestigious clerkships for federal and state trial and appellate judges and have worked for low-income clients through competitive public interest fellowships. The firm's diversity makes it a leader amongst its peers, and the firm actively and successfully recruits attorneys who are women, people of color, and LGBTQ. To support its mission of litigating in the public interest, Tycko & Zavareei LLP offers a unique public interest fellowship for recent law graduates. Tycko & Zavareei LLP's attorneys practice in state and federal courts across the nation.

## Representative Cases

Vergara v. Uber Technologies, Inc., No. 1:15-cv-06972 (N.D. Ill.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP served as Co-Lead Counsel in this case under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, in which he obtained a class settlement of \$20 million.

In re Fifth Third Early Access Cash Advance Litigation, No. 1:12-cv-00851 (S.D. Ohio). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in these consolidated payday lending cases, which are in discovery after a successful appeal before the Sixth Circuit.

Farrell v. Bank of America, N.A., No. 16-cv-000492 (S.D. Cal.). As Co-Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP obtained a settlement valued at \$66.6 million plus injunctive relief valued at \$1.2 billion.

In re TD Bank, N.A. Debit Card Overdraft Fee Litigation, No. 15-mn-02613 (D.S.C.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP serves on the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in this case challenging TD Bank's overdraft fee practices. Tycko & Zavareei LLP assisted in obtaining a \$70 million class settlement.

In re Higher One Account Marketing & Sales Practices Litigation, No. 12-md-02407 (D. Conn.). As Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP helped secure a \$15 million common fund settlement with significant changes to business practices for illegal debit card fees.



*Duval v. Citizens Financial Group, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-21080 (S.D. Fla.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was appointed Class Counsel and obtained a common fund settlement of \$137.5 million.

In re American Psychological Association Assessment Fee Litigation, No. 10-cv-01780 (D.D.C.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP served as Co-Lead Counsel in this case challenging the APA's deceptive fee practices, and achieved a \$9.02 million common fund settlement for the class.

Lloyd v. Navy Federal Credit Union, No. 17-cv-1280 (S.D. Cal.). As Co-Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP helped secure a \$24.5 million common fund settlement on behalf of a class of NFCU customers harmed by the credit union's overdraft fee practices.

Morgan v. Apple, Inc., No. 17-cv-5277 (N.D. Cal.), Simmons v. Apple Inc., No. 17CV312251 (Sup. Ct. Ca., Santa Clara Cty.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP is currently serving as Lead Counsel in this class action challenging Apple's deceptive marketing of Powerbeats headphones and secured a \$9.75 million settlement for the class, which is pending preliminary approval.

Wallace v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., No. 17CV31775 (Sup. Ct. Ca., Santa Clara Cty.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP serve as Co-Lead Counsel in this case against Wells Fargo's overdraft fee practices. Tycko & Zavareei LLP recently moved for preliminary approval of a \$10.5 million common fund class settlement.

Roberts v. Capital One Financial Corporation, No. 16-cv-04841 (S.D.N.Y.). As Co-Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP helped secure a \$17 million settlement on behalf of Capital One customers forced to pay excessive overdraft fees.

Hawkins v. First Tennessee Bank, N.A., No. CT-0040851-11 (Cir. Ct. Shelby Cty. Tenn.). As Co-Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP helped obtain a class settlement of \$16.75 million on behalf of bank customers harmed by First Tennessee's predatory overdraft fees.

Mascaro v. TD Bank, N.A., No. 10-cv-21117 (S.D. Fla.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was appointed Class Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$62 million common fund on behalf of the class.

*Trombley v. National City Bank*, No. 10-cv-00232 (D.D.C.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP served as Lead Counsel and obtained a \$12 million common fund settlement on behalf of a class of consumers.

*Taulava v. Bank of Hawaii*, No. 11-1-0337-02 (Cir. Ct. of 1<sup>st</sup> Cir., Haw.). As Co-Lead Counsel, Tycko & Zavareei LLP obtained a \$9 million common fund for a class of customers who were harmed by Bank of Hawaii's overdraft fee practices.

*Bodnar v. Bank of America, N.A.*, No. 14-cv-3224 (E.D. Pa.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP served as lead Counsel and obtained a \$27.5 million class settlement and significant injunctive relief.

Lambert v. Navy Federal Credit Union, No. 19-cv-00103 (E.D. Va.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was appointed Class Counsel and helped secure a \$16 million settlement on behalf of members of Navy Federal Credit Union who were harmed by the credit union's practice of assessing a second or third NSF Fee upon re-presentment of debit items or checks.

*Hamm v. Sharp Electronics Corp.*, No. 19-cv-488 (M.D. Fla.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was appointed Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in providing relief valued at \$109 million for class members exposed to a product defect in certain Sharp Microwave Drawer Ovens.

Gibbs v. TCV V, LP & Gibbs v. Rees, Nos. 19-cv-789 & 20-cv-717 (E.D. Va.). Tycko & Zavareei LLP was named class counsel in one of, if not, the largest unlawful tribal payday lending schemes. Thus far, class counsel has been able to obtain a settlement fund over \$60 million as well as the cancellation of \$380 million in loans.



## Our Diversity

Tycko & Zavareei LLP is committed to fostering an equitable, diverse, and inclusive work environment. We believe that a diverse team significantly improves our work product and ability to innovate, enhances our ability to serve our clients, and strengthens our ability to attract talented individuals. We strive to maintain a culture that celebrates the strengths of every team member. The firm engages in ongoing efforts to foster a culture of mutual respect and attract, retain, and promote outstanding lawyers and staff from all backgrounds, perspectives, and abilities.

Our team was honored with the 2022 Diversity Initiative Award from The National Law Journal's Elite Trial Lawyers recognition program.

## Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Firm Breakdown:

## Attorneys

- 68% of attorneys identify as women
- 78% of partners identify as women
- 36% of attorneys identify as persons of color
- 32% of attorneys identify as LGBTQIA+

## Attorneys and Staff

- 73% identify as women
- 30% identify as persons of color
- 36% identify as LGBTQIA+



## Hassan A. Zavareei

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Mr. Zavareei has devoted the last two decades to recovering hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of consumers and workers. He has served in leadership roles in dozens of class action cases and has been appointed Class Counsel on behalf of numerous litigation and settlement classes. An accomplished and experienced attorney, Mr. Zavareei has litigated in state and federal courts across the nation in a wide range of practice areas; tried several cases to verdict; and successfully argued numerous appeals, including in the D.C. Circuit, the Fourth Circuit, and the Fifth Circuit. He also recently argued before the United States Supreme Court.

After graduating from UC Berkeley School of Law, Mr. Zavareei joined the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. There, he managed the defense of a nationwide class action brought against a major insurance carrier, along with other complex civil matters. In 2002, Mr. Zavareei founded Tycko & Zavareei LLP with his partner Jonathan Tycko.

Mr. Zavareei has served as lead counsel or co-counsel in dozens of class actions involving deceptive business practices, defective products, and/or privacy. He has been appointed to leadership roles in multiple cases. As Lead Counsel in an MDL against a financial services company that provided predatory debit cards to college students, Mr. Zavareei spearheaded a fifteen-million-dollar recovery for class members. He is currently serving as Co-Lead Counsel in consolidated proceedings against Fifth Third Bank, and on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in MDL litigation against TD Bank.

As Co-Lead Counsel in Farrell v. Bank of America, a case challenging Bank of America's punitive overdraft fees, Mr. Zavareei secured a class settlement valued at \$66.6 million in cash and debt relief, together with injunctive relief forcing the bank to change a practice that will save millions of low-income consumers approximately \$1.2 billion in overdraft fees. In his Order granting final approval, Judge Lorenz of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California described the outcome as a "remarkable" accomplishment achieved through "tenacity and great skill."

Mr. Zavareei is a highly sought after speaker on class action litigation and has taught numerous CLE courses across the country.



#### Education

UC Berkeley School of Law, 1995, Order of the Coif Duke University, 1990, *cum laude* 

#### **Bar Admissions**

California District of Columbia Maryland Supreme Court of the United States

### Leadership

Public Justice, Vice President NCLC, Partners Council

#### **Awards**

2023 Chambers USA, Band 1 2022 Law360 Titan of Plaintiffs' Bar 2021 Law360 Class Action MVP Selected to 2012-2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List

## **Presentations & Publications**

Witness Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, 115th Congress

Witness Before the Civil Rules Advisory Committee, 2018, 2019

Editor, Duke Law School Center for Judicial Studies, Guidance on New Rule 23 Settlement Provisions



## Andrea R. Gold

## Partner

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Andrea Gold has spent her legal career advocating for consumers, employees, and whistleblowers. Ms. Gold has litigated numerous complex cases, including through trial. Her extensive litigation experience benefits the firm's clients in both national class action cases as well as in qui tam whistleblower litigation.

She has served as trial counsel in two lengthy jury trials.

In her class action practice, Ms. Gold has successfully defended dispositive motions, navigated complex discovery, worked closely with leading experts, and obtained contested class certification. Her class action cases have involved, amongst other things, unlawful bank fees, product defects, violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and deceptive advertising and sales practices.

Ms. Gold also has significant civil rights experience. She has represented individuals and groups of employees in employment litigation, obtaining substantial recoveries for employees who have faced discrimination, harassment, and other wrongful conduct. In addition, Ms. Gold has appellate experience in both state and federal court.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Gold was a Skadden fellow. The Skadden Fellowship Foundation was created by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, one of the nation's top law firms, to support the work of new attorneys at public interest organizations around the country.

Ms. Gold earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was an associate editor of the Journal of Law Reform, co-President of the Law Students for Reproductive Choice, and a student attorney at the Family Law Project clinical program. Ms. Gold graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business in 2001, concentrating her studies in Finance and Marketing.



#### Education

University of Michigan Law School, 2004

University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, 2001

#### **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia Illinois Maryland Supreme Court of the United States

## Memberships

American Association for Justice

National Associate of Consumer Advocates

National Employment Lawyers Association

Public Justice

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund

#### Awards

Selected to 2022, 2023, and 2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Lawyers, 2020

Selected to 2013 & 2014 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List Skadden Fellow, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, 2004-2006



# Jonathan Tycko

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In his 29 years of practice, Jonathan Tycko has represented a wide range of clients, including individuals, Fortune 500 companies, privately-held business, and non-profit associations, in both trial and appellate courts around the country. Although he continues to handle a variety of cases, his current practice is focused primarily on helping whistleblowers expose fraud and corruption through qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and other similar whistleblower statutes. Mr. Tycko's whistleblower clients have brought to light hundreds of millions of dollars in fraud in cases involving healthcare, government contracts, and customs duties, banking and tax. He is a frequent author and speaker on issues relating to whistleblower cases.

Prior to founding Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2002, Mr. Tycko was with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, one of the nation's top law firms. He received his law degree in 1992 from Columbia University Law School, and earned a B.A. degree, with honors, in 1989 from The Johns Hopkins University. After graduating from law school, Mr. Tycko served for two years as law clerk to Judge Alexander Harvey, II, of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

In addition to his private practice, Mr. Tycko is an active participant in other law-related and community activities. He has served as Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund, charged with planning the premier annual conference of whistleblower attorneys and their counterparts at the United States Department of Justice and other government agencies. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington University Law School. He is a former member and Chairperson of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee of the District of Columbia Bar, where he helped draft the ethics rules governing members of the bar. And Mr. Tycko was a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Studio Theatre, one of the D.C. area's top non-profit theaters.

Mr. Tycko is admitted to practice before the courts of the District of Columbia, Maryland and New York, as well as before numerous federal courts around the country.



#### Education

Columbia University Law School, 1992

The Johns Hopkins University, 1989, with Honors

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia Maryland New York Supreme Court of the United States

## Memberships

Law360 Government Contracts Editorial Board Member

American Association for Justice Public Justice

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)

#### Awards and Honors

2020 National Law Review Go-To Thought Leader Award for False Claims Act

Super Lawyers, 2012-current

Member of the D.C. Bar Leadership Academy

Stone Scholar (all three years), Columbia Law School

Thomas E. Dewey Prize for Best Brief, Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition, Columbia Law School



## Anna Haac

## Partner

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Anna C. Haac is a Partner in Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Washington, D.C. office. She focuses her practice on consumer protection class actions and whistleblower litigation. Her prior experience at Covington & Burling LLP, one of the nation's most prestigious defense-side law firms, gives her a unique advantage when representing plaintiffs against large companies in complex cases. Since arriving at Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Haac has represented consumers in a wide range of practice areas, including product liability, false labeling, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and predatory financial practices. Her whistleblower practice involves claims for fraud on federal and state governments across an equally broad spectrum of industries, including health care fraud, customs fraud, and government contracting fraud.

Ms. Haac has helped secure multimillion-dollar relief on behalf of the classes and whistleblowers she represents. Ms. Haac also serves as the D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and as Co-Chair of the Antitrust and Consumer Law Section Steering Committee of the D.C. Bar.

Ms. Haac earned her law degree *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006 and went on to clerk for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Prior to law school, Ms. Haac graduated with a B.A. in political science with Highest Distinction from the Honors Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ms. Haac is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland state bars. She is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, and Fourth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, District of Maryland, and the Eastern District of Michigan, among others.



#### Education

University of Michigan Law School, 2006, cum laude

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002, Highest Honors

#### **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia Maryland

#### Memberships

Antitrust & Consumer Protection Section of District of Columbia Bar, Co-Chair (2017-2020)

National Association of Consumer Advocates, District of Columbia Co-Chair

Public Justice

#### Awards

2022 & 2023 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List

#### Presentations & Publications

Pre-conference Workshop Co-Chair and Speaker, "So You Want to be a Class Action Attorney," National Association of Consumer Advocates Spring Training (May 2022).



# Annick M. Persinger

## Partner

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Annick M. Persinger leads Tycko & Zavareei LLP's California office as California's Managing Partner. While at Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Ms. Persinger has dedicated her practice to utilizing California's prohibitions against unfair competition and false advertising to advocate for consumers. Ms. Persinger has taken on financial institutions, companies that take advantage of consumers with deceptive advertising, tech companies that disregard user privacy, companies that sell defective products, and mortgage loan servicers. Ms. Persinger also represents whistleblowers who expose their employer's fraudulent practices.

Ms. Persinger graduated magna cum laude as a member of the Order of the Coif from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2010. While in law school, Ms. Persinger served as a member of Hastings Women's Law Journal, and authored two published articles. In 2008, Ms. Persinger received an award for Best Oral Argument in the first year moot court competition. In 2007, Ms. Persinger graduated *cum laude* from the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in Sociology, and minors in Law & Society and Psychology.

Following law school, Ms. Persinger worked as a legal research attorney for Judge John E. Munter in Complex Litigation at the San Francisco Superior Court.

Ms. Persinger served as an elected board member of the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) from 2017 to 2019, and as Co-Chair of BALIF from 2018 to 2019. During her term on the BALIF Board of Directors, Ms. Persinger advocated for LGBTQI community members with intersectional identities, and promoted anti-racism and antigenderism. Ms. Persinger now serves as a Steering Committee member for the Cambridge Forum on Plaintiffs' Food Fraud Litigation.



#### Education

University of California Hastings College of Law, 2010, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

University of California San Diego, 2007, cum laude

#### Bar Admissions

California

### Memberships

American Association for Justice

Plaintiffs' Food Fraud Litigation, 2020 Steering Committee Member

Public Justice

#### Awards

Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar (2022)

Super Lawyer, Rising Star 2020 UC Hastings, Best Oral Argument 2008



# Sabita J. Soneji

## Partner

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In 20 years of practice, Sabita J. Soneji has developed extensive experience in litigation and legal policy at both the federal and state level and a passion for fighting consumer fraud. Now a Partner in Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Oakland office, she focuses on consumer protection class actions and whistleblower litigation. In addition to her success with novel Telephone Consumer Protection cases, False Claims Act cases involving insurance fraud, and deceptive and false advertising cases, Ms. Soneji serves in leadership on multi-district litigation against Juul, for its manufacture and marketing to youth of an addictive nicotine product. Ms. Soneji also successfully represents consumers harmed by massive data breaches and by corporate practices that collect and monetize user data without consent. She serves as head of the firm's Privacy and Data Breach Group.

Ms. Soneji began that work during her time with the United States Department of Justice, as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. In that role, she oversaw civil and criminal prosecution of various forms of financial fraud that arose in the wake of the 2008 recession. For that work, Ms. Soneji partnered with other federal agencies, state attorneys' general, and consumer advocacy groups. Beyond that affirmative work, Ms. Soneji worked to defend various federal programs, including the Affordable Care Act in nationwide litigation.

Ms. Soneji has extensive civil litigation experience from her four years with international law firm, her work as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of California, and from serving as Deputy County Counsel for Santa Clara County, handling civil litigation on behalf of the County including regulatory, civil rights, and employment matters. She has successfully argued motions and conducted trials in both state and federal court and negotiated settlements in complex multi-party disputes.

Early in her career, Ms. Soneji clerked for the Honorable Gladys Kessler on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia s, during which she assisted the judge in overseeing the largest civil case in American history, *United States v. Phillip Morris, et al.*, a civil RICO case brought against major tobacco manufacturers for fraud in the marketing, sale, and design of cigarettes. The opinion in that case paved the way for Congress to authorize FDA regulation of cigarettes.

Ms. Soneji is a graduate of the University of Houston, *summa cum laude*, with degrees in Math and Political Science, and Georgetown University Law Center, *magna cum laude*.



#### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, magna cum laude

University of Houston, summa cum laude

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia California Supreme Court of the United States

#### Memberships

Ninth Circuit Judicial Council Lawyer Representative for the Northern District of California, 2023-2025

Law360 Diversity & Inclusion Editorial Advisory Board Member, 2022-2023

American Association for Justice

Public Justice, 2022-2023 Member of the Board of Directors

Impact Fund

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)

#### Awards

Attorney General's Award 2014

#### Presentations & Publications

"FTC investigation of ChatGPT a win for consumers," The Daily Journal (July 24, 2023)



# Kristen G. Simplicio

## Partner

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Kristen G. Simplicio has devoted her career to representing victims of illegal debt collection practices, false advertising, and other fraudulent and unfair corporate schemes. Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP's D.C. office in 2020, she spent ten years at a boutique class action firm in California.

Ms. Simplicio is currently representing plaintiffs in several cases in the education field. She is serving as counsel for plaintiffs in a case against a prominent university and its for-profit recruiting partner over a decadelong advertising campaign centering on the school's artificially inflated U.S. News rankings. She is also currently representing plaintiffs in a RICO suit against an online for-profit university over a deceptive scheme to enroll students into fraudulent professional degree programs.

In addition to her work in the education space, Ms. Simplicio has represented plaintiffs in a wide variety of areas. For example, she was the lead associate on RICO case on behalf of small business owners against 18 defendants in the credit card processing industry. In connection with that case, she obtained a preliminary injunction halting an illegal \$10 million debt collection scheme, and later, helped to secure refunds and changed practices for the victims. She has also secured a number of victories on behalf of homeowners as a result of her work representing plaintiffs in over a dozen cases filed around the country against mortgage loan servicers over fees charged in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and related state statutes.

Ms. Simplicio graduated *cum laude* from American University, Washington College of Law in 2007. She holds a bachelor's degree from McGill University. She began her legal career at the United States Department of Labor, where she advised on regulations pertaining to group health insurance plans. Before and during law school, Ms. Simplicio worked for other plaintiffs' law firms.

Ms. Simplicio serves as the D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates. She is admitted to practice in California, the District of Columbia, and the Supreme Court of the United States.



#### Education

American University, Washington College of Law, 2007, *cum laude* McGill University, 1999

#### **Bar Admissions**

California District of Columbia Supreme Court of the United States

## Memberships

D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates American Association for Justice Public Justice

#### Presentations & Publications

"Class Action Waivers, Arbitration Clauses," and "Digital Payment Claims Rates – Western Alliance Bank Research," panel discussions at Western Alliance Bank's Annual Class Action Law Forum (March 15-16, 2023)

"Rule 23(c)(5) Subclasses: Certification, Due Process, Adequate Representation, and Settlement," Faculty Member for Strafford CLE Webinar (February 23, 2023)



## Renée Brooker

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Bringing 30 years of practice, knowledge, and expertise as a former prosecutor in a senior leadership position at the United States Department of Justice, Renée Brooker is now representing whistleblowers. While at the Department of Justice for over two decades, Ms. Brooker was responsible for billions of dollars in recoveries under whistleblower laws. As an accomplished and experienced attorney, Ms. Brooker has advised and represented whistleblowers under the False Claims Act (FCA), the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law, FIRREA (bank fraud, mail, and wire fraud), the Financial Institutions Anti-Fraud Enforcement Act (FIAFE), and the Whistleblower Programs of the SEC, the CFTC, and the IRS.

As Assistant Director within the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, Ms. Brooker was responsible for sizeable recoveries and successful judgments under the False Claims Act, FIRREA, and civil RICO in almost every industry: pharmaceutical, health care, defense, financial services, government procurement, small business, insurance, tobacco products, and higher education.

Ms. Brooker received her law degree in 1990 from Georgetown University Law Center, and a B.S. degree in 1987 from Temple University. After graduating from Georgetown, Ms. Brooker served as a Law Clerk to Judge Noël Kramer in the District of Columbia for one year before joining the United States Department of Education as an attorney. Ms. Brooker was hired as part of the enforcement response to Congressional investigations of fraud in federal student aid programs affecting consumers and taxpayers. Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2020, Ms. Brooker worked at another prominent whistleblower firm where she advised and represented whistleblowers while expanding the firm's whistleblower practice. Ms. Brooker also served as a member of the United States Department of Justice-appointed Independent Corporate Compliance Monitor and Auditor for Volkswagen under its Plea Agreement and Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice.



### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, 1990 Temple University, 1987

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia Pennsylvania

### Memberships

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)

Board Member, Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section

National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA)

#### Awards

Selected to 2023 and 2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List

Department of Justice Commendation Award for recovering billions of dollars under the Big Lender Initiative, 2016

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence for \$1.2 billion False Claims Act settlement with Wells Fargo, 2016

Department of Justice Award for "a record of outstanding actions and accomplishments," 2015

Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention, 2011

Department of Justice Award for prosecuting Big Tobacco under RICO, 2005



## Eva Gunasekera

## Partner

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Bringing 16 years of complex litigation experience practice, Eva Gunasekera, the former Senior Counsel for Health Care Fraud at the United States Department of Justice, is now representing whistleblowers. Ms. Gunasekera has spent the better part of her career enforcing the False Claims Act and the Stark and Anti-Kickback laws.

Highly strategic, Ms. Gunasekera has many notable successes under her belt, sizeable recoveries under the False Claims Act, and has held companies accountable for fraudulent conduct that harmed important government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. With deep health care fraud expertise, she has investigated, litigated, and settled cases involving all federal health care programs (Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, FEHB). Ms. Gunasekera is an expert on analyzing complex health care data sets, including Medicare and Medicaid payment data and trends, to identify potentially fraudulent practices. She has enforced anti-fraud laws and represented whistleblowers across industries: pharmaceutical manufacturers, health care providers, hospitals, physicians, physician groups, laboratories, managed care, pharmacies, hospice and nursing home providers, financial institutions, government suppliers, automotive, small businesses, and defense contractors. Many of her investigations involved parallel criminal proceedings and compliance and whistleblower programs of health care organizations, including those subjected to Corporate Integrity Agreements and oversight by Independent Review Organizations, as required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG).

After graduating with her Master's in Public Administration from Ohio University, and from Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Gunasekera practiced law at two international law firms. She acted as second chair during administrative trials and handled complex commercial litigation. Ms. Gunasekera also played a significant role on the team that represented the Enron Creditors Recovery Corp in the bankruptcy proceeding, successfully returning billions of dollars to creditors in the wake of the Enron scandal. Further, Ms. Gunasekera represented clients in pro bono matters, including the successful defense of an individual seeking asylum and as guardian ad litem for three children.



#### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, 2004

Ohio University, M.A., 2001 Ohio University, B.A, 2000

#### **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia

Ohio

#### Memberships

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF)

Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section

#### Presentations & Publications

Quoted in: "They Lost Their Legs. Doctors and Health Care Giants Profited," The New York Times (July 15, 2023)

"Whistleblower Rewards 101" – Scottsdale (Arizona) Bar Association (March 9, 2021)

"Should the False Claims Act be Amended to Define Falsity?" - Federal Bar Association, Qui Tam Section (February 17, 2021)

Law review article: False Claims Act, the opioid crisis, whistleblowing, Emory University Law School, February 26, 2019



# Katherine M. Aizpuru

## Partner

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Katherine M. Aizpuru is a Partner in Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Washington, D.C. office. Her practice focuses on protecting consumers and whistleblowers from fraudulent and unfair practices. Ms. Aizpuru has fought predatory financial institutions and mortgage servicers that wrongfully took money from consumers, service providers that snuck junk fees into their invoices, and tech companies that violated user privacy. She has also represented whistleblowers who exposed illegal practices in the healthcare industry. Ms. Aizpuru has taken on some of the world's most prominent corporations and financial institutions and has recovered millions of dollars for consumers.

Before joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP as a partner in 2024, Ms. Aizpuru litigated on behalf of consumers in the Federal Trade Commission's Division of Financial Practices. There, she led the FTC's first ever case against a cryptocurrency company and its former executives. She also secured settlements that shut down a pair of student debt relief scams, required the defendants to turn over their assets—including personal bank accounts, vehicles, and properties—for consumer redress, and banned the principals from working in the debt relief industry. Ms. Aizpuru's other work at the FTC included investigations involving fair lending, dark patterns, and unfair and deceptive practices in the fintech and auto sales industries. Ms. Aizpuru also served as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice, where she represented federal agencies, such as the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Defense Health Agency, in complex litigation and bankruptcy proceedings.

Ms. Aizpuru was an associate at Tycko & Zavareei LLP from 2017 to 2021. She earned her law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School and clerked for the Honorable Catharine F. Easterly on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Honorable Theodore D. Chuang on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Prior to law school, Ms. Aizpuru graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors from Swarthmore College.



#### Education

Harvard Law School, 2014 Swarthmore College, 2010, High Honors

#### **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia

Massachusetts
New York
U.S. District Courts for the Districts
of Colorado, D.C., Maryland,
Massachusetts, Eastern District of
New York, Southern District of New
York
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth,

## Second, and Seventh Circuits

#### **Awards**

2023 Director's Award, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Bureau.

Selected to 2020 & 2021 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List.



## Allison W. Parr

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Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2021, Allison W. Parr was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Mayer Brown LLP, where she represented corporations in complex commercial litigation, including cases involving unfair competition and false advertising claims. Previously, Ms. Parr was a litigation associate in the New York office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, where she maintained an active pro bono practice in LGBTQ civil rights.

Ms. Parr graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2018, where she served as the Articles and Notes Editor for the Food and Drug Law Journal. During law school, Ms. Parr externed for the Commercial Litigation Branch, Fraud Section of the Department of Justice, where she assisted with cases involving allegations of fraud against the government. Ms. Parr received her Bachelor of Music from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University in 2013.

Ms. Parr is admitted to practice in New York, the District of Columbia, and the United States Supreme Court.



#### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, 2018

John Hopkins University, 2013

#### **Bar Admissions**

New York District of Columbia Supreme Court of the United States

#### Memberships

Public Justice
The Sedona Conference

#### Awards

Selected to 2022, 2023, and 2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

## Presentations & Publications

Interview with Public Justice, "Texas Two-Step Called Out in Third Circuit" (2023)

Co-author, "J&J Can't Be Allowed To Dodge Civil Justice With Bankruptcy," Law360 (2022).

Agribusiness and Antibiotics: A Market-Based Solution, 73 Food & Drug L.J. 338 (2018)



## Leora N. Friedman

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Leora Friedman received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2020.

At Georgetown Law, Leora obtained diverse legal experience through experiential courses led by the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and by the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection. In addition, she authored papers proposing new legal frameworks for addressing the negative health impacts of electronic cigarettes and improving pandemic preparedness through writing-intensive coursework.

During law school, Leora also served as an intern for the Department of Justice's Office of Vaccine Litigation and its Consumer Protection Branch. She was an Executive Editor for the Georgetown Environmental Law Review, which published her note "Recommending Judicial Reconstruction of Title VI to Curb Environmental Racism: A Recklessness-Based Theory of Discriminatory Intent."

Previously, Leora was the Rockefeller Foundation's Princeton Project 55 Fellow from 2014-2015 and, thereafter, aided international health advocacy campaigns at Global Health Strategies.

She graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in Politics in 2014.



#### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, 2020

Princeton University, 2014

**Bar Admissions** 

District of Columbia

### Memberships

Public Justice

Executive Editor, Georgetown Environmental Law Review, 2019– 2020

## Awards

Selected to 2023 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

#### **Publications**

Co-author, "J&J Can't Be Allowed To Dodge Civil Justice With Bankruptcy," Law360 (2022).

Recommending Judicial Reconstruction of Title VI to Curb Environmental Racism: A Recklessness-Based Theory of Discriminatory Intent, 32 GEO. ENV'T L. REV. 421 (2020)



# **Spencer Hughes**

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Spencer Hughes is an associate in the Oakland office who regularly practices in both trial and appellate courts across the country. He represents consumers in class actions and defamation cases against some of the largest corporations in the world.

Mr. Hughes's practice covers the full lifespan of a case, from investigating and filing suit to briefing and arguing appeals. He has represented clients in the Supreme Court of the United States, five U.S. Courts of Appeals, and state and federal trial courts in California, Washington, D.C., New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Washington, and Texas.

Before joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Mr. Hughes was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, one of the nation's top defense-side law firms. He gained invaluable experience and learned the strategies used by defendants in consumer protection litigation. Mr. Hughes maintained an active pro bono practice at Kirkland & Ellis and received the firm's Pro Bono Service Award for four consecutive years.

Mr. Hughes earned his Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law in 2017, where he served an editor of the Duke Law Journal. He clerked for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Mr. Hughes graduated with honors from Iowa State University in 2014, earning a Bachelor of Arts in rhetoric and political science. He served as the university's Student Body President for the 2013-14 academic year.



#### Education

Duke University School of Law, 2017 Iowa State University, 2014, cum laude

#### Bar Admissions

California

District of Columbia

Supreme Court of the United States

## Memberships

American Constitution Society Public Justice

## Awards

Selected to 2023 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

### Presentations & Publications

Co-Author, "Tools To Fight Delay From Arbitrability Appeals After Coinbase," Law360 (August 1, 2023)



## Gemma Seidita

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Gemma Seidita is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office where she focuses on civil rights cases and advocating for whistleblowers and consumers.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP in 2022, Ms. Seidita was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Cooley LLP, where she represented clients in complex commercial litigation and investigations, including cases involving securities, trade secret, and unfair competition claims. At Cooley, Ms. Seidita maintained an active pro bono practice in civil rights and immigration areas. Ms. Seidita was a member of the trial team in the historic federal *Sines v. Kessler* litigation where white supremacists were put on trial for their conspiratorial actions in planning and committing violence at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Ms. Seidita graduated from Duke University School of Law in 2018 where she earned a J.D. and an LLM in international and comparative law. While in law school, she served as a Research Editor for the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum. Ms. Seidita received her Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 2015.



#### Education

Duke University School of Law, 2018, cum laude

University of Virginia, 2015, with Distinction

### **Bar Admissions**

California District of Columbia Massachusetts

### Memberships

Public Justice



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Jaclyn Tayabji is an Associate in the Washington D.C. office. She was the 2021-2023 Public Interest Fellow at Tycko & Zavareei LLP. Jaclyn received her J.D. magna cum laude from Boston University School of Law in 2021. While in law school, Jaclyn embraced experiential learning opportunities and consistently utilized her legal skills to promote the public interest. Jaclyn completed a legal internship in the Consumer Protection Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and a judicial externship with the Honorable Vickie L. Henry on the Massachusetts Appeals Court. As a Student Attorney in the Access to Justice Civil Litigation Clinic, Jaclyn represented low-income clients in various civil disputes, including defending tenants in summary process evictions and facilitating discovery production in a federal employment discrimination case.

In law school, Jaclyn served as an Editor for the *Boston University Law Review* and was elected to leadership positions in the Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Students Association, the International Law Society, and the Public Interest Project. Jaclyn was also selected to serve on the Public Interest Committee alongside fellow students, faculty, and staff to review the policies and programs related to public service offerings at Boston University School of Law and to advocate for institutional resources.

Jaclyn received her B.A. in International Studies and African Studies from Emory University in 2016. Prior to law school, Jaclyn served with the Peace Corps in Malawi and subsequently worked as a Recovery Coach through the inaugural AmeriCorps-Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative program.



#### Education

Boston University School of Law, 2021, magna cum laude
Emory University, 2016

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

#### Memberships

Public Justice

#### Awards

Selected to 2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List Ranked in 2024 Best Lawyers Ones to Watch

## Presentations & Publications

Co-Authored with Renée Brooker, "All Hands on Deck: The Role of Government Employees as Qui Tam Relators," University of Cincinnati Law Review (May 11, 2023)

Co-Authored with Renée Brooker, "The ABCs of Qui Tam Actions," Trial (January 2023)

"Rehabilitation Under the Rehabilitation Act: The Case for Medication-Assisted Treatment in Federal Correctional Facilities," 101 B.U. L. REV. ONLINE 79 (2021)



## David W. Lawler

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Mr. Lawler joined Tycko & Zavareei LLP in January 2012. He has over twenty years of commercial litigation experience, including an expertise in eDiscovery and complex case management. At the firm Mr. Lawler has represented consumers in numerous practice areas, including product liability, false labeling, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and antitrust class actions litigation.

Before joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Mr. Lawler was an associate in the litigation departments at McKenna & Cuneo LLP and Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP.

Among Mr. Lawler's career achievements include the co-drafting of appellate briefs which resulted in rare reversal and entry of judgment in favor of client, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Lawler is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, as well as numerous federal courts.



#### Education

Creighton University School of Law, 1997

University of California, Berkeley, 1989

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

### Memberships

American Association for Justice Public Justice



## F. Peter Silva II

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Peter Silva is a zealous advocate for consumers, workers, and individuals whose rights have been violated by the government, employers, and financial institutions. Over the last decade, Peter has successfully represented clients in civil rights, consumer protection, and foreclosure defense cases in negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, and at trial in state and federal courts and before various administrative agencies.

Prior to joining Tycko & Zavareei LLP, Peter represented individuals and small businesses as a Partner with Gowen Silva & Winograd, PLLC. Peter's work on behalf of Maryland, D.C., and Virginia homeowners has prevented dozens of foreclosures through loan modifications, settlements, and litigation. Peter not only defends foreclosures but countersues for violations of state and federal lending and servicing laws. Peter has successful brought and defended lawsuits against America's biggest banks and mortgage servicers including Wells Fargo, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Mr. Cooper/Nationstar Mortgage, Bayview Loan Servicing, and Ocwen Loan Servicing.

Through aggressive litigation and creative settlement solutions, Peter has obtained millions of dollars in damages and savings for his clients including principal and interest reductions, write-downs, and deficiency waivers. Peter's extensive knowledge of the foreclosure and loan modification processes, mortgage servicing industry and applicable state and federal laws including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) and Truth-in-Lending (TILA) allows him to provide clients with upfront and straightforward assessments of their options so that they can make an informed decision.

Peter has worked with local, state, and federal governments and non-profit entities to strengthen legal protections of consumers. Peter is a member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

At the beginning of his legal career, Peter worked extensively in the civil rights field as an attorney fellow for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and a law clerk with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the civil rights interest group, People for the American Way.



#### Education

University of Miami, School of Law, 2010 San Diego State University, 2007

#### Bar Admissions

Virginia
District of Columbia
Maryland
California
Supreme Court of the United States

### Memberships

National Association of Consumer Advocates Public Justice

### Awards

Selected to 2023 & 2024 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

#### Presentations & Publications

"The Tactical Deployment of Regulation X: Loss Mitigation in Judicial, Quasi-Judicial, and Nonjudicial States," National Association of Consumer Advocates (February 11, 2021)

"Foreclosures: What You Don't Know Will Hurt You!" National Association for the Advancement of Colored People



# Wesley M. Griffith

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Mr. Griffith is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Chicago Law School. After law school, Mr. Griffith spent a decade working at two of the nation's top defense firms, where he represented some of the world's largest companies in class actions, complex litigation, and regulatory matters.

Mr. Griffith now uses those same skills to advocate on behalf of his consumer clients. He is dedicated to tenaciously advancing his clients' interests through all phases of litigation, including trial and on appeal.

While Mr. Griffith's preference is always to litigate, he also knows that being an effective advocate sometimes means settling. Mr. Griffith has been involved with dozens of significant settlements over the course of his career, including settlements valued at over \$100 million, and he has defended those settlements in parallel actions and on appeal.

Mr. Griffith maintains an active pro bono practice representing clients in civil rights cases. He serves on the pro bono panels for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal and the Eastern District of California, and was recognized in 2021 for his pro bono service to the Eastern District.

Mr. Griffith is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California, as well as the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits.

Mr. Griffith is a member of the Advisory Board of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and he has been repeatedly recognized for his mentorship to junior attorneys.

When not practicing law, Mr. Griffith enjoys spending time with his toddler and wife and hiking in the Sierras with his dog.



#### Education

University of Chicago Law School, 2012

University of California, Berkeley, 2007, with Honors and Distinction

#### **Bar Admissions**

California Supreme Court of the United States

#### Memberships

Pro Bono Panel, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal

Pro Bono Panel, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Advisory Board Member

Public Justice

## Awards

2021 Honoree, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California Night to Honor Service

2020 and 2021 Mentorship Award, Jenner & Block LLP



## Shana Khader

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Shana Khader is passionate about using the legal system creatively to challenge abuses of power and to seek justice on behalf of traditionally marginalized communities and poor people—even in hard cases. In the past several years, she has specialized in representing low-income immigrant workers in Texas. As Senior Managing Attorney at the Equal Justice Center and as Director of Legal Services at Workers Defense Project, Ms. Khader represented workers in challenging abusive employment practices through class and individual litigation, policy advocacy, and community organizing. She also has extensive experience working with survivors of sexual harassment and assault at work. She has obtained favorable decisions and verdicts on behalf of her clients in state and federal court.

Prior to moving to Texas, Ms. Khader served as a Kirkland & Ellis Public Service Fellow at the New York Legal Assistance Group, where she represented low-income New Yorkers who were victimized by unscrupulous debt collectors in courts throughout the city.

Ms. Khader graduated with academic honors from Columbia Law School. She served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Debra C. Freeman, Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Khader served as a member of the Dallas Civil Service Board, has served as a board member of the DFW chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association, and is an alumna of the Latino Center for Leadership Development Leadership Academy. She is fluent in Spanish.



#### Education

Columbia University School of Law, 2011, *James Kent Scholar*Occidental College, 2005, *magna cum laude* 

### Bar Admissions

New York Texas District of Columbia

### Memberships

American Association for Justice Public Justice

### Awards

Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellow Hamilton Fellow Pro Bono Honors

#### Presentations & Publications

"Timekeeping and Teleworking in the Era of COVID," Texas Employment Lawyers Association Spring Seminar, (Apr. 2021)

"Taking the Sex out of Sexual Harassment: Why the 'Equal Opportunity Harasser' Defense Under Title VII Should be Eliminated." *Columbia Gender and Sexuality Law Journal Online*, (Spring 2011)



# Glenn Chappell

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Glenn Chappell is Of Counsel in the Washington, D.C. office and is the chair of Tycko & Zavareei LLP's Appellate Practice Group. He works on class action and multidistrict matters involving consumer privacy, contract and insurance law, deceptive marketing, gaming addiction, and parental and child consumer rights.

Mr. Chappell has represented clients in numerous courts, including the United States Supreme Court, numerous federal circuit courts, and state appellate courts including the Supreme Court of Ohio, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the Louisiana Circuit Courts of Appeal. He has experience at every stage of pursuing and defending appeals, including oral argument, principal and amici brief writing, petitions for certiorari and interlocutory review, and motions practice. At the trial level, he plays a leading role in drafting and arguing dispositive motions, pursuing discovery, developing litigation strategy, and developing new cases.

Before joining Tycko & Zavareei, Mr. Chappell was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, one of the nation's most prestigious defense-side firms. During his time at Gibson Dunn, he practiced in the firm's award-winning Appellate and Constitutional Law and Litigation practice groups. He also maintained an active pro bono practice that focused on police and sentencing reform.

Mr. Chappell graduated summa cum laude from Duke University School of Law in 2017, where he dedicated more than 450 hours to pro bono work and served as Managing Editor of the Duke Law Journal and Senior Research Editor of the Duke Law & Technology Review. After graduation, he clerked for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Honorable Anthony J. Trenga of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. His legal scholarship has appeared in multiple publications, including the Duke Law Journal and the University of Richmond Law Review.

He graduated with honors from Saint Leo University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.



#### Education

Duke University School of Law, 2017, summa cum laude, Order of the Coif Saint Leo University, 2011, cum laude

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia
Supreme Court of the United States
United States Courts of Appeals for
the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and
Eleventh Circuits
United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Virginia
United States District Court for the
Central District of Illinois

#### Memberships

Order of the Coif Public Justice

### **Publications**

The Historical Case for Constitutional "Concepts", 53 UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND LAW REVIEW 373 (2019)

Health Care's Other "Big Deal": Direct Primary Care Regulation in Contemporary American Health Law, 66 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1331 (2017)

Seeking Rights, Not Rent: How Litigation Finance Can Help Break Copyright's Precedent Gridlock, 15 DUKE LAW & TECHNOLOGY REVIEW 269 (2017)



## **Cort Carlson**

## Fellow

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Cort Carlson is a Public Interest Fellow in the Oakland, California office. Mr. Carlson received his J.D. from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2022, with a Public Interest & Social Justice Certificate. During law school, Mr. Carlson immersed himself in public interest scholarship and advocacy. Mr. Carlson completed a judicial externship with the Honorable Kimberly J. Mueller, Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, worked on whistleblower cases as a law clerk for a public interest plaintiff-side law firm in the Bay Area, and worked on cases involving unsafe and unfair housing conditions as an extern at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. Mr. Carlson was twice elected to editor positions on the Ecology Law Quarterly, one of the nation's leading environmental law reviews, and served on the Berkeley Technology and Law Journal. Outside of school, Mr. Carlson served as a student advocate for incarcerated youth in collaboration with the Contra Costa County Public Defender and was a student researcher for the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Mr. Carlson also participated in a state and local impact litigation practicum in which he worked alongside current and former government attorneys on justice-oriented affirmative litigation projects.

Mr. Carlson received his B.A. Summa Cum Laude in Anthropology and English with a minor in Political Science from The George Washington University in 2019. Mr. Carlson traces his passion for public interest advocacy to early experiences working on issues that uniquely affect vulnerable communities, including poverty, incarceration, environmental harm, and personal data protection. Prior to law school, Mr. Carlson served as an academic tutor to persons pursuing higher education while incarcerated at Prince George's County Correctional Center in Maryland. Mr. Carlson also conducted research on people's perceptions and management of privacy on their cellular devices in collaboration with the GW Anthropology Department and the Smithsonian Institution.



#### Education

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 2022

The George Washington University, 2019, summa cum laude

#### **Bar Admissions**

#### California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for the Central District of California

United States District Court for the Southern District of California

### Memberships

Public Justice

#### Awards

Ranked in 2024 Best Lawyers Ones to Watch

Public Interest & Social Justice Certificate, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Hart Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, The George Washington University



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Schuyler Standley is a 2022-2024 Public Interest Fellow at Tycko & Zavareei LLP. Schuyler received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2021. While in law school, Schuyler embraced experiential learning opportunities and consistently utilized her legal skills to promote the public interest. Before her fellowship, Schuyler clerked for the Honorable Katherine M. Menendez of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. She also served as a judicial fellow for the Honorable Joseph C. Spero, Chief Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

While in law school, Ms. Standley focused on experiential learning and pro bono work. She spent three semesters in the Samuelson Law, Technology, and Public Policy Clinic, where she assisted with litigation at the intersection of technology and civil rights.



## Education

University of California, Berkeley School of the Law, 2021 American University, 2016

Bar Admissions

Illinois

District of Columbia

Memberships

Public Justice



# **Em Feder Cooper**

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Em Feder Cooper is a Public Interest Fellow in the Oakland, California office. She has dedicated much of her legal and public interest career to advancing gender justice. She started by doing reproductive justice legislative work at the New York City Council Women's Caucus. During law school, she volunteered with Sanctuary for Families to help women obtain uncontested divorces or temporary restraining orders. As a Law Clerk at the Equal Rights Advocates, Em focused on Title IX matters and prepared sexual assault survivors for their hearings. She also had the privilege of participating as a Student Advocate with New York Legal Aid Group's Pro Se Clinic at the Southern District of New York courthouse and was able to leverage her Spanish skills when assisting clients.

Em's legal research has focused on the legal implications of interstate distribution of medication abortion pills, intersectional sex- and race-based employment discrimination, and psychological trauma of workplace sexual harassment and the importance of expert witnesses. Thanks to her coursework on discrimination theory and law, Em is passionate about exposing unlawful harms perpetrated by cosmetics companies and amending the Federal Drug and Cosmetics Act of 1938.



#### Education

New York University School of Law, 2023

Johns Hopkins University, 2013

Bar Admissions

California

### Memberships

Public Justice

### Presentations & Publications

NYU Law Moot Court Board Casebook Volume 47 (May 2023)
Topic: Circuit split over whether volunteers are classified as employees or independent contractors and are entitled to protections and redress against employment discrimination under Title VII.



# Shilpa Sadhasivam

## Fellow

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Shilpa Sadhasivam is a Public Interest Fellow in the Washington, D.C. office. Shilpa received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2023. While at Harvard, she focused on providing clinical pro bono services and growing the presence of plaintiffs' law on campus.

Shilpa spent two years as a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, representing workers experiencing wage theft and workplace retaliation. As Co-President of the Harvard Plaintiffs' Law Association, she developed professional networks, resources, and programming to make plaintiff-side careers more accessible for all students. She also served as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Law and Gender and a Constitutional Law Teaching Fellow. During her summers, Shilpa worked for plaintiffs' firms on a variety of cases, spanning from civil rights to securities litigation.

Shilpa received her B.A. in Government and Politics from Cornell University in 2019. Prior to law school, she conducted research at Cornell regarding New York State residents' long-term economic, social, and political behaviors.



Education Harvard Law School, 2023 Cornell University, 2019

Bar Admissions
District of Columbia

Memberships Public Justice